GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
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DEFECTIVE EQUIPMENT
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether large portions of equipment imported from abroad have been found to be defective;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it has been discussed in a meeting held on 18th May 2007 that significant consignments of arms, which have been imported in recent months, were defective; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government against the suppliers?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) & (b): Necessary provisions are included in the contracts to ensure that the defence equipment are in a defect free state when deliveries are taken.There are safeguards in the contracts against subsequent defects/failures.

(c) There was a reference to this issue in the meeting.

(d) Conditions and terms of contract are invoked whenever defects are found.